Permitting Step By Step

iTAPS - Michigan Timely **Application and Permit** Service - will provide a one-stop shop for businesses to be able to determine what permits are needed to do business in Michigan - regardless of the department or agency. Businesses will then be able to apply for the needed permits online and track the status of the permit while it is being processed. In addition, MiTAPS will provide information on documentation needed to complete the permit processing and provide the ability to submit electronic documents, as well as pay fees online.

MiTAPS will become a tool to attract new business to Michigan,

making the state more prosperous for all Michiganians.

The scope of Phase I of the MiTAPS implementation includes all permits/licenses that are associated with the development and operation of an industrial manufacturing facility within 100 feet of a waterway. Here is an example of what such a business would encounter in the beginning stages of developing their facility:

First the company would go to the MiTAPS portal and use the "decision tree" feature. This would ask a series of questions to determine the scope of the project and what permits would be needed to match the project requirements. The system would

provide the user with a list of permits involving multiple state agencies.

Below are some of the 31 permits the company would find on the MiTAPS site from several different areas:

• From the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) the company would need permits such as: a Baseline Environmental Assessment, Wetlands Protection, Sand Dune Protection and Management, Groundwater Discharge, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control, to name a few. In all, there are 14 critical permits from DEQ for this type of facility.

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"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." - Ralph Waldo Emerson



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MiTAPS Business Community Review

Representatives from businesses throughout Michigan attended the MiTAPS Business Community Review presentation on May 7.

Attendees were provided the latest information about how MiTAPS will help to benefit economic growth in Michigan while offering them an efficient and convenient service.

The presentation covered the plans and goals for MiTAPS, and provided an overview of how the system will work.

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- From the Department of Transportation (DOT) there would be three permits including, "Application for a Driveway Permit," "Tall Structure Permit", and "Application for a Single Trip Transport Permit."
- From the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG), eight permits include an Electrical Permit, Mechanical Permit, and Plumbing Permit.
- From the Department of Treasury, the Michigan IFTA Fuel Tax License Application, the Motor Fuel

Tax License Application and the Registration for Michigan Taxes.

• From History Arts and Libraries (HAL), a Section 106 Review for recipients or potential recipients of federal funds, loans, licenses and/or permits before building on a potential historic site.

After learning which permits are necessary, the user could fill them out on line, or store them in a "shopping cart," which would allow the user to come back and fill the permits out later.

MiTAPS will also accept on-line payments for many of the permits. And finally, potential new business ventures will also have to deal with permits and regulations on the local level. The MiTAPS portal features links to local community contacts, as well as other agencies which may provide other forms of business assistance.

For more information, visit MiTAPS at www.michigan.gov/mitaps.

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Attendees were also introduced to the new MiTAPS website, which went live on that day.

"Those from the business community were very receptive and seemed to be excited about the possibilities of MiTAPS," said project director Henry Green.



Attendees look on as MiTAPS is presented.

The MTAPS statewide system provides a simplified permit application in process that is faster, easier to use, and more secure. In order to cut down statewide permit processing turn around time, permits can be categorized as independent and dependent process flows. Email escalated notification is also introduced to further speed up permit applications. We form sitting and violation processes flow innependent processes flo

A look at how the MiTAPS system will work